

Town of Natick

Recycling and Trash Collection Guide For Residents

Dear Natick Residents

The Town of Natick and the Natick Recycling Committee are providing this guide to assist you with proper disposal methods and collection for the **Pay-as-You-Throw** weekly solid waste collection, alternate week **recycling** and other disposal programs provided for town residents.

The Natick Department of Public Works will continue to collect solid waste, which is transported and disposed of at the Millbury incineration plant. All trash must be in blue Town of Natick bags or it will not be picked up. Waste Management collects specified recyclable items. We encourage residents to recycle, which reduces the individual cost as well as the tonnage charges at Millbury.

We hope you find this guide useful. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions regarding solid waste and disposal in the Town of Natick.

Sincerely,

Charles Sisitsky
Director of Public Works

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Phone Numbers:

Department of Public Works
75 West Street
Natick, MA 01760

Main Number:

508-647-6550

Sanitation/Recycling

508-647-6562

508-647-6556

NATICK RECYCLES ON ALTERNATING WEEKS

All recyclable material must be placed curbside on the same day as your trash collection.

Recycling bins are available at the DPW, 75 West Street. The first bin is free, additional bins are \$5.00*.

Recycling Stickers for barrels or other suitable containers are available at no charge.

For problems with trash, recycling, or bulky waste pickup, call Sanitation @ 508-647-6562

*The cost of recycling bins is subject to change.

TOWN OF NATICK'S PAY-AS-YOU-THROW

On July 1, 2003, the Town of Natick's Pay-As-You-Throw Program went into effect. All household trash must be disposed of in special Town of Natick blue trash bags. Pickup of large items that do not fit into one of the bags requires scheduling through our bulky waste collection program. The Town of Natick bags are priced at \$1.75 for a 33-gallon bag and \$1.00 for a 15-gallon bag.

The bags are sold in rolls of 10 and are available at the following locations during regular business hours:

- Honey Farms
- Jones Drug Inc.
- Lil Peach
- Roche Bros. Supermarket (Natick)
- Stop & Shop Supermarket (Natick)
- Tilly's and Salvi's Bacon Street Farm
- Town Paint & Supply Co.
- Donelan's Supermarket (Wayland)
- Lookout Farm Store

TOWN OF NATICK

2006-2007 Recycling Collection Calendar

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Weeks in GREEN are GREEN BIN pick-up and weeks in BLUE are BLUE BIN pick-up

Days in RED are holidays and there is no recycling or trash collection

Monday holidays WILL NOT AFFECT your regular trash day. Thank You for Recycling!



Natick Recycling Information

Recycling – It's easier than you think!

Think recycling is hard or confusing? Well, good news! Recycling requirements have changed over the years making it even easier for you to take part. You no longer have to remove labels or keep track of many other recycling rules. Most items can just be dropped into the curbside bin.

Did you know...?

Massachusetts law prohibits the disposal of the following items in your trash:

- Paper and cardboard
- Bottles and cans
- Leaves and yard waste
- Car batteries
- TV's and computers
- Large home appliances

Be sure to keep these items out of your trash.



Your efforts are making a difference!

Last year, Natick collected more than 3,208 tons of recyclables. Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees and 7000 gallons of water. 1 ton of glass made from 50% recycled materials saves 250 lbs. of mining waste. If we recycled every plastic bottle we used, we would keep 2 billion tons of plastic out of landfills. You have helped make our recycling program a success. Keep up the good work!

Curbside Recycling Is Now Single-Stream. *



Alternate-week Curbside Recycling is for residents with DPW trash collection. The following items are collected:

- Paper: Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, phonebooks, boxes, corrugated cardboard, gift wrap (no foil wrap) and soft covered books.
- Waxed containers (such as juice and milk cartons)
- Boxes and corrugated cardboard, flattened and cut up to 4' x 4' and tied
- Glass: bottles and jars
- Steel/Tin: all cans, bottle caps and lids
- Aluminum: cans foil, pie plates and food trays
- All numbered plastics  to  (except styrofoam)

Barrels or other suitable containers may be used for all recyclables (items mentioned above) as long as they are clearly marked or have a sticker.

These same items are also collected at the Recycling Center, which is open to all Natick residents.

*** Paper and other Recyclables can be placed in the same container.**

Drop-off Recycling

All residents, with or without curbside collection of recyclables, may drop-off the same recyclables at the Recycling Center. In addition, the items listed below are accepted only at the Recycling Center. They will not be picked up curbside. Currently, **cardboard** separated at the Recycling Center will bring additional revenue to the town. We have also added a used **book** drop-off.

Accepted at the Recycling Center Only

Used motor oil
Paint (usable oil or latex only)
Household and car batteries
Fluorescent bulbs
Button batteries
Thermometers and Thermostats
Yard Waste

Paint Swap Shed

The Paint Swap Shed is where usable paint, both latex and oil-based, is stored and made available for residential use.

Paint must be in good condition and cans at least ½ full. It is not meant to be a disposal facility. Located at the Recycling Center, the Paint Swap Shed is open from April through October.

Residents may bring in their latex or oil based paints only with a limit of 5 gallons per visit. See attendant for assistance or questions.

The center cannot and will not accept any other Hazardous Waste Materials. If you have other material which does not meet the above criteria, it should be taken to the Hazardous Waste Collection Day sponsored by the Board of Health each spring. Contact the Board of Health at 508.647.6460 for the date. Empty latex paint cans may be put in your trash for curbside pickup, as long as they are dry and uncovered.

Recycling Center is located at West St., Natick. From downtown Natick, take Rt 27S about 2 miles and turn right on West St. The Recycling Center is on the left. Hours are Thursday – Saturday, 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM.

Yard Waste

Curbside pickup of yard waste (grass, leaves, brush, branches, etc.) is offered 2 weeks in the spring (May 1st – 11th, 2007) and 3 weeks in the fall (November 7th – 25th, 2006). Yard Waste must be in paper biodegradable bags or in rubbish barrels clearly marked “Yard Waste”. PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED. There is also a composting area at the Recycling Center on West Street where residents can dispose of their yard waste. Free compost is available for residents for their own use.

Yard Waste at the Recycling Center

- All vehicles using the yard waste facility must display a resident sticker or a one-time permission slip as provided for below. Proof of residency is required. Residency stickers may be obtained at the Recycling Center. One time permission slips can be obtained at the Department of Public Works, during regular business hours.
- Passenger cars, cars with trailers and pickup trucks without trailers, (no dump trucks, regardless of size) will be allowed unlimited use of the facility. Included in this group of vehicles are station wagons and any sport utility vehicles.
- A resident can use company-owned, rental or borrowed pick-up trucks, including those registered in another town to dispose of Natick-generated yard waste if a one-time permission slip is obtained from DPW prior to the disposal date. Each permission slip will be valid for one calendar week only unless otherwise approved by DPW. Office hours for the DPW are Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM.
- Logs no greater than 8 inches in diameter will be accepted. Lumber, stumps and fencing will not be accepted. See attendant for additional directions and information.

Backyard Composting



Backyard composting is a simple way to produce fertilizer for your lawn and garden while dramatically reducing your weekly household waste. When combined in a compost pile, organic materials such as table scraps, vegetable trimmings, coffee grounds, egg shells, and fruit rinds, as well as lawn clippings and leaves, all break down to form earthy-smelling soil enrichment. Avoid composting meat, bones, fatty foods such as cheese, grease or oil, dog feces, cat litter or diseased plants.

The Town of Natick has home composting bins for sale. They are lightweight, easy to assemble, and rodent proof. Each comes with composting instructions. They are made of 100% recycled detergent bottles and hold 1 cubic yard of material. They are available at the DPW, 75 West Street, during normal business hours.

**** Free compost is also available at the Recycling Center. It's great for your yard! ****

Don't Trash Grass!

Save Time and Money! Reduce Waste!

- ◆ Did you know that a ½ acre lawn in New England produces over 3 tons or nearly 260 bags of grass clippings each year?
- ◆ The key word is "less"...less fertilizer, less water, less work, and best of all, less waste
- ◆ You can have a healthy green lawn by leaving grass clippings where they fall.



Mowing techniques and tips:

- Any mower can recycle grass clippings; simply remove the grass catcher.
- If the grass gets too high, mow over the clippings.
- Keep the mower blade sharp
- Keep your grass mowed to 2"-3" tall
- Mow when the grass is dry
- Do not remove more than 1/3 of the grass in a single mowing.
- If you follow these "Don't Trash Grass" tips, not only will you have a healthy lawn, you'll never have to bag grass clippings again.

Christmas Tree Removal

Christmas Trees will be picked up during the first two weeks of January. They must be bare (i.e. no decorations and not in a plastic bag) and placed at curbside.

Reducing Trash

Here are some simple ways to reduce the amount of trash you generate.

- ◆ Try to buy products sold in packaging that is recyclable.
- ◆ Avoid using disposable items such as plastic razors, styrofoam cups, and non-rechargeable batteries.
- ◆ Buy products with recycled-content such as stationery, office paper, and household paper products.
- ◆ Purchase canvas bags or reuse paper bags for groceries. Don't double bag or take extra plastic bags for small items.



Sanitation/Recycling/Yard Waste Policies

1. All household rubbish must be in Natick PAYT bags. The PAYT bag may be placed in a barrel to protect it from wildlife while waiting for pickup. The Natick PAYT bag must be easy to pull out of the barrel or it will not be collected. Trash in a commercial trash bag, whether or not in a barrel, will not be collected. Pizza boxes will be collected if flattened and placed under your trash.
 2. All containers and/or bags must be out at curbside by 7:00 AM on collection day. The collection trucks will pass down each street once and will not return for late collections. Property owners are responsible for cleaning up any rubbish caused by animals, etc.
 3. Holiday Collection Policy: Collection will be delayed one day following a non-Monday holiday in a given week. For example, if a holiday falls on Tuesday, that collection will be on Wednesday, and all subsequent days will be moved back one day. **Saturday, Sunday or Monday holidays do not affect trash pickup.**
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Bulky Waste

The Town of Natick provides bulky waste pickups every Monday with the exception of Monday holidays for a minimum fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Appliances are \$25.00 each. Additional fees will be charged for large volumes of waste. To sign up for a bulky waste pickup, you must present an itemized list of the materials to be picked up. Payment in either cash or check for the quoted fee must arrive at the Department of Public Works on or before the Thursday prior to the Monday pickup. Pickup dates for each month are available by calling the DPW or the Sanitation Division.

If it won't fit in a bag, it's considered a bulky item and must be picked up by DPW for a fee. Bulky items include TV sets, computer monitors, furniture, carpet, etc. All items containing freon (e.g. refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners) must be picked up by DPW for an additional fee.

The following items are not accepted for bulky waste pickup:

- Building demolition materials
- Sheetrock
- Plaster
- Asphalt
- Concrete
- Bricks, etc.

Call DPW with questions.

Disposal of CRT's

and Computers:



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts DEP regulations prohibit the disposal of computer monitors and televisions in the rubbish due to the lead content in the cathode ray tubes.

The Town of Natick will collect and recycle these items. Computers and televisions are \$25.00 each and are collected as bulky waste. Please call the Sanitation Division for information. These items cannot be brought to the Recycling Center.

Disposal of Propane Tanks:

The Town of Natick can dispose of old propane tanks. Arrangements can be made by calling the Sanitation Division of DPW. There is a \$5.00 per tank charge for disposal.

Mercury Recovery Program:



Products containing mercury pose a risk to all of us and can pollute our environment. Items such as thermometers, thermostats, mercury switches and button cell batteries, blood pressure machines and fluorescent bulbs all contain mercury and can be dropped off at the Recycling Center.

You can also exchange your old mercury thermometer for a free digital one at either the Board of Health office or at the DPW office.

Since the beginning of this program, mercury emissions have decreased 30% state-wide.

Automotive Waste

Certain items from your car or truck can be recycled.

1. Tires will be collected at curbside on regular trash days. They may be put out next to your trash with a limit of 2 per week.
2. Car batteries can be brought to the Recycling Center.
3. Waste oil can be brought to the Recycling Center. Residents can bring up to 5-gallons per day. Businesses are not allowed to bring oil. Please see the attendant for assistance.



Town of Natick Curbside Recycling

MATERIAL

WHAT TO RECYCLE

HOW TO PREPARE

DO NOT INCLUDE

PAPER



- Chipboard (cereal boxes, shoeboxes, clean pizza boxes, etc.)
- Beer and Soda carriers.
- Newspapers, inserts
- Magazines and catalogs
- Junk mail
- Phone Books, paperback books
- Office paper
- Corrugated cardboard, flatten 4' x 4'

Place newspapers and magazines in paper bag and set in, beside or on top of recycling bin.

- No plastic grocery bags.
- No waxed or Asian boxes (pale yellow)
- No soiled paper
- No soiled pizza boxes

GLASS



- Clear, green and brown food and beverage containers only

Rinse clean
Paper labels may be left on

No broken glass No other glass items such as window glass, pyrex, ceramics etc.

METAL



- Aluminum and steel (tin) food and beverage cans
- Aluminum foil, pie pans and trays

Rinse clean
Flatten or nest to save space
Labels may be left on

No paint
No other metal items
No aerosol cans

PLASTIC



- Plastic milk, juice or water bottles
- Soda bottles
- Detergent bottles
- All number plastic containers accepted

Rinse clean
Remove lids and neck rings
Crush or nest

No plastic bags
No motor oil containers
No Styrofoam

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RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

ILLEGAL DUMPING !!

If you see any illegal dumping or other environmental hazards occurring in your neighborhood, please call your local Board of Health at 508-647-6460 or the DEP Environmental Strike Force at 617-556-1000.